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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76527

Katsumi KOBAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/631,810

Group Art Unit: 3765

Confirmation No.: 2013

Examiner: Kahsay Habte (parent)

Filed: August 1, 2003

For: METHINE COMPOUND AND SILVER HALIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL  
CONTAINING THE SAME

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated August 18, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In addition, applicants elect compound III - 51, set forth at page 52 of the specification, as a single disclosed species.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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